

the United States is falling woefully behind.

The House of Representatives is considering the American Clean Energy and Security Act, which would create millions of clean energy jobs, put America on the path to energy independence, and cut global warming pollution. China is investing \$12.6 million every hour towards clean energy. With this kind of deficit, we stand to lose our place in the world as it relates to our energy security, and that is a finished product we simply cannot afford to import.

#### QUALITY HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

(Mr. BLUNT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, earlier this week I talked about the principles that we need to follow for Americans to have a better health care system. The first of those principles was to make quality health care coverage affordable and accessible for every American, regardless of preexisting conditions.

Today I want to talk for a minute, now less than a minute, about why we need to protect our system from a government-run health care alternative. What that alternative would do would eliminate coverage for more than 100 million Americans who currently receive their coverage through their job. It would limit your choice of doctors and medical treatment options, and it would result in the Federal Government taking control of health care.

Yesterday, the American Medical Association embraced all of those reasons not to have a public option, not to have a government-run option, not to have a government takeover of health care.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO HOUSE DEMOCRACY ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 5, 111th Congress, and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the House Democracy Assistance Commission:

Mr. PRICE, North Carolina, Chairman  
Mrs. CAPPS, California  
Mr. HOLT, New Jersey  
Mr. SCHIFF, California  
Ms. SCHWARTZ, Pennsylvania  
Mr. PAYNE, New Jersey  
Mr. POMEROY, North Dakota  
Mr. FARR, California  
Mr. ELLISON, Minnesota  
Ms. HIRONO, Hawaii  
Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, California

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following commu-

nication from the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, Republican Leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
Washington, DC, June 4, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, U.S. Capitol,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 5, 111th Congress, I am pleased to appoint the following Members to the House Democracy Assistance Commission.

The Honorable David Dreier of California.  
The Honorable John Boozman of Arkansas.  
The Honorable Jeff Fortenberry of Nebraska.

The Honorable Judy Biggert of Illinois.  
The Honorable Bill Shuster of Pennsylvania.

The Honorable Kay Granger of Texas.  
The Honorable Charles W. Boustany, Jr. of Louisiana.

The Honorable K. Michael Conaway of Texas.

The Honorable Vern Buchanan of Florida.  
All Members have expressed interest in serving in this capacity and I am pleased to fulfill their requests.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
Republican Leader.

#### MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2346, SUPPLEMENTAL AP- PROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2346) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I have a motion at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Lewis of California moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2346 be instructed as follows:

(1) To agree, within the scope of conference, to funding levels that will result in a total funding level in the conference report that does not exceed the total funding level provided in the Senate amendment.

(2) To insist on the House funding levels for each account under title I of the House bill (related to defense matters).

(3) To insist on the House funding levels for each account under chapter 9 of title II of the House bill (related to military construction).

(4) To recede to section 1305 of the Senate amendment (related to detainee photographic records protection).

(5) To not record their approval of the final conference agreement (within the meaning of clause 12(a)(4) of House rule XXII) unless the text of such agreement has been available to the managers in an electronic, searchable, and downloadable form for at least 48 hours prior to the time described in such clause.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XXII, the gentleman from California (Mr. LEWIS) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

Madam Speaker, let me begin my remarks by saying that I'm pleased that until last week, we appeared to be following regular order by actually having an open meeting of House and Senate conferees.

As I and the vast majority of Republicans have suggested several times through this process, we want this troop funding bill to be an up-and-down vote and, ideally, a bipartisan vote.

I want to commend my colleagues, Chairman OBEY and Chairman MURTHA, for producing a bill that accurately reflected the real needs and priorities of the troops deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. While the House-passed bill wasn't perfect, it did garner bipartisan support, including that of 168 Republican Members.

Unfortunately, what I'm hearing and reading about, the final "deal" that was struck between Chairman OBEY and Senator INOUE leads me to believe that the final package will not enjoy the same bipartisan support. As reported, the deal struck by the two Appropriations chairmen would do the following:

First, cut over \$4.6 billion from Defense and MilCon from the House-passed levels.

Further, it would increase foreign operations funding by \$5.2 billion over the House-passed levels, and \$2.6 billion over the Senate-passed bill.

Further, it would include \$5 billion in funding for the IMF to secure a whopping \$108 billion of loans; in essence, the IMF would be funded at levels some \$30 billion above the troop funding level. So we have troop funding, on the one hand, that has been reduced, and we've got a sizable expansion of foreign aid.

Further, the bill includes \$1 billion of new spending for what we have been calling "Cash for Clunkers" on the floor. That amount was not in the bill as it passed the House either.

Now, let me shift gears and briefly explain the motion before us. It's a straightforward motion that insists on the House funding levels of \$84.5 billion for the defense and military construction portions of the supplemental.

Further, it also insists on the lower top line for overall funding levels of \$91.3 billion contained in the Senate-passed bill for the entire supplemental.

Further, it requires the text of the conference agreement be available in an electronic, downloadable and searchable form for 48 hours prior to consideration by the House. This language is identical to the motion unanimously adopted and subsequently ignored by my friends in the majority